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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

As a kindergarten teacher for 17 years in CT the entry age and play based learning are essential elements for our young students. Additionally as an educator who taught through the pandemic I urge you to consider and pass these important issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.